

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, lines 20 through 29 with the following amended paragraph:

Various optical modulations can be used with pilot tones. In the current embodiment, on-off keyed data operates with the pilot tone. Fig. 8 includes timing diagrams of logic signals transmitted across optical transmission path 120. An idealized mathematical representation of the intensity of the optical signal effected by Fig. 8 is

$$I(t) = P_{ave} * (2 * D(t)) * (1 + M * \sin(2 * \pi * F_p * t)),$$

where  $I(t)$  is the optical intensity of the composite optical signal as a function of time  $t$  is a time in seconds.  $D(t)$  represents a random bit stream carrying network revenue traffic, taking on values of +1 or 0, such that the time average value of  $2 * D(t) = 1$ ,  $P_{ave}$  represents the time average optical power or intensity in watts,  $M$  is the modulation index,  $\pi = 3.14159$ , and  $F_p$  is the pilot tone frequency in Hz.